

Prenatal Access and Care:

The Health Council examined the status of prenatal care delivery in Hickman County during the data analysis stage of their community diagnosis. Based on 1998 data, Hickman County was a shortage area for prenatal care access. Hickman County has shown an increase in the percent of births lacking adequate prenatal care. The lack of adequate prenatal care for 1991-1993 was 71.3%, jumping up to 75.9% for 1994-1996.

Reportable Diseases:

The Health Council reviewed county specific data on the following reportable diseases. Comparisons were also provided of regional and state data.

STD's (chlamydia, gonorrhea, HIV/AIDS)
Heart Disease
Stroke
Cancer (bladder, prostate, colon, breast, lung)
Motor vehicle deaths

Chlamydia and Gonococcal infections were the most prevalent in the county. Sexually transmitted disease rates over a ten-year period were presented at the Health Council.

Cancer is the leading cause of death in the county for those between the ages of 45-64 years, according to the 1996 *Picture of the Present*. Breast cancer was the leading cancer diagnosis in Hickman County followed by prostate cancer. Hickman County had a higher diagnosis rate, and death rate for cancer than the State of Tennessee.

Children and Youth:

The Health Council reviewed data concerning child abuse and neglect. The child abuse and neglect rate is the number of cases per 1,000 children under 18 years old in the population. Child abuse and neglect occur when a child is mistreated, resulting in injury or risk of physical harm. In Hickman County during fiscal year 1993-1994 there were 17 indicated cases of child abuse with a rate of 4.1 per 1,000. (Indicated refers to cases that have been investigated with the investigation concluding that an incidence of abuse occurred.) Hickman County's indicated child abuse rate is lower than the state rate of 9.7 and the regional rate of 7.23 for this same period of time. Commitment to state custody